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INDIA`S SHARE IN WORLD EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s share in world exports which was 1.5 per cent at the time of Independence, has come down to a mere 0.89 per cent;

(b) if so, whether the Government has lately gone into the main causes of such a drastic decline;

(c) if so, the main items whose export has largely suffered;

(d) whether any new policy or strategy has been worked out to restore India`s due place in the world market; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): India`s share in world exports declined after independence as world exports increased rapidly. However, the decline was contained by the 1980s and thereafter there has been an increase in India`s share in world exports. According to the Economic survey, India`s share in world exports rose from 0.6% in 1995 to 0.7% in 2000. In 2002, India attained 0.8% share in world exports. The growth in exports has been broadly maintained in 2003, resulting in retention of India`s share in world exports at 0.8%. Thus, there was no decline in India`s share in world exports in the recent past.

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. A Medium Term Export Strategy which is co-terminus with the 10th Plan period (2002-07) was announced in January, 2002 with the objectives of enhancing India`s exports and achieving 1% share in world exports. A number of programmes/schemes have been launched which include schemes like Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure (ASIDE), establishing Agri Export Zones, Market Access Initiative, strengthening `Focus LAC` programme introducing ` Focus Africa` programmes, etc. In the Exim Policy, 2003-04 and Exim Facilitation Measures announced in January, 2004, besides, the focus on service exports and policies to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), a new programme called `Focus CIS` has been introduced. Thus, measures are being taken from time to time to increase India`s exports.